

to be provided to VISTA volunteers (part A, title I, Pub. L. 93-113).

Subpart B—Description of Volunteer Service

§ 1213.2-1 Enrollment and duration of service.

ACTION enrolls an individual in ACV during the preservice processing it provides. Such enrollment is for a period comprising the time of such processing, ACTION preservice orientation, and a one-year assignment to a project.

§ 1213.2-2 Provisional volunteers.

Individuals are considered to be provisional volunteers during the period of pre-service processing and ACTION preservice orientation. They have all the rights and benefits and are subject to all the duties of volunteers, except as expressly provided in these regulations or where it would appear from the language of a section of the regulations to be inappropriate.

§ 1213.2-3 Extension of service and reenrollment.

In certain situations, a volunteer may have his period of volunteer service extended for not more than one year, at the request of a sponsor and the concurrence of the appropriate ACTION Regional Director.

A volunteer may only be reenrolled for a period of at least one year. A sponsor must request the reenrollment and it must be approved by the appropriate ACTION Regional Director. No volunteer may serve for more than a total of five years in full-time volunteer programs under Title I of Pub. L. 93-113.

Such extensions and reenrollments may be for the same or different projects and may include interregional and intraregional transfers.

§ 1213.2-4 Living conditions.

To the extent practicable volunteers are expected to make a personal commitment to live among and at the economic level of the people served by the project in which the volunteer works. The sponsor will insure that this commitment is observed.

§ 1213.2-5 Role of the volunteer.

The volunteer's assignments are carried out under the auspices of the sponsor. The volunteer assumes a "live-in" obligation carrying his work into all facets of community life and social activity. He is available for service without regard to regular working hours seven days a week, except for periods of approved leave.

Subpart C—ACTION Provided Volunteer Support

§ 1213.3-1 Financial support.

(a) *Food and lodging.* Each ACV volunteer receives from ACTION a food and lodging allowance approximately commensurate with the actual standard of living of the residents of the community to which he is assigned. The amount of this allowance is determined by the Regional Office after consultation with the sponsor.

(b) *Personal living allowance.* ACTION also provides each volunteer a personal living allowance of \$75 per month. It is intended to cover incidental expenses and local travel.

(c) *Adjustment allowance.* At the beginning of service, a volunteer may receive from ACTION an adjustment allowance when necessary to cover the initial cost of securing and setting up living quarters. Such an allowance is usually provided only to volunteers who serve outside their home area. It is not usually available to volunteers recruited locally for an assignment in their home or nearby communities.

(d) *Stipend.* At the conclusion of the term of service, each volunteer receives a stipend of \$50 for each month of service on an ACV project. Volunteers may be authorized to make bi-weekly allotments from the stipend, not in excess of \$12.50, in extraordinary circumstances. These may include allotments for obligations incurred prior to service for family support, insurance or loan payments and income taxes.

(e) *Provisional volunteers.* Provisional volunteers do not receive any allowances nor do they accrue stipends. During the period they are provisional volunteers their food and lodging is provided by ACTION and they receive a

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nominal amount of money for living expenses.

(f) *Emergencies.* In case of emergencies, ACTION may provide the volunteer with assistance and support to prevent injury or hardship to him, including a \$500 advance against allowances and stipends due the volunteer or to be paid subsequently to him during his volunteer service.

(g) *No dependent support.* ACTION assumes no financial responsibility for a non-volunteer spouse, a volunteer's children or other dependents.

§ 1213.3-2 Transportation.

ACTION will be responsible for providing the volunteer with needed transportation for the following purposes:

(a) To, and when appropriate, from volunteer/sponsor staging;

(b) To the pre-service processing site, whether it is the ACTION Regional Office or any other designated facility;

(c) To the project site following completion of pre-service processing, and at the beginning of the volunteer's terms of service;

(d) For the return trip from the projects site to the volunteer's home of record following completion of service;

(e) Whenever necessary to enable the volunteer to travel outside the geographic area to which he has been assigned when he does so at the request of the Government;

(f) When approved in cases of emergency.

For the purpose of paragraph (d) of this section, the term "home of record" shall be either:

(1) The legal residence of the volunteer's parent or legal guardian if the volunteer had been residing with the parent or legal guardian immediately prior to entering ACTION service, or if the volunteer was a full-time student whose permanent residency was with the parent or legal guardian.

(2) The residence established by the volunteer while attending college immediately prior to entering ACTION.

(3) The residence established by the volunteer while employed immediately prior to entering ACTION.

(4) The legal residence established by the volunteer for purposes of voting and/or payment of state tax.

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Each volunteer must specify a home of record at the time he is enrolled. Subsequent modification of the home of record may be authorized in certain circumstances at the discretion of the Regional Director.

§ 1213.3-3 Health support.

ACTION provides ACV volunteers with a health benefits program at no cost to the volunteers.

Coverage includes most medical and surgical costs, hospitalization, prescription drugs, and emergency dental care. ACTION reserves the right to alter the extent, or the method of providing health care for volunteers. In nonemergency situations, the Regional Office must clear hospitalization or other serious (in excess of \$150) treatments.

§ 1213.3-4 Legal support.

ACTION will pay certain legal expenses where volunteers are involved in criminal or civil judicial or administrative proceedings to the extent provided in part 1220.

§ 1213.3-5 Insurance.

(a) ACV volunteers are covered by the Federal Employees Compensation Act. This provides a broad-based workmen's compensation-type coverage for volunteer job-related accidents and occupational sickness.

(b) ACV volunteers are also Federal employees for the purpose of the Federal Tort Claims Act. Any third-party claims for injury or damage to property arising out of the volunteer's job-related activities will be treated as claims against the United States.

§ 1213.3-6 Leave.

(a) *Vacation leave.* Once on the job for four months, an ACV volunteer earns one day of leave for each full month of service up to a maximum of seven days, including one weekend. No leave is to be granted during the last month of service, except for emergencies. During leave, the volunteer's regular support allowances are continued. No leave may be taken without the approval of the sponsor.

(b) *Emergency leave.* Should a member of a volunteer's immediate family—spouse, mother, father, sister, brother,